



The Future of Bereavement Support in Scotland.

Thursday 28th August 2025 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Renfield Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow

Booking link: <https://scottishcare.org/event/the-future-of-bereavement-support-event/>

Programme

- 9:30 am **Registration opens, tea and coffee on arrival**
- 10:00 am **Welcome**
Dr Donald Macaskill & Rebecca Patterson, Scottish Bereavement Charter Group
- 10:30 am **What a good tomorrow would look like?**
A reflection on some Charter themes and where we want to go...
- **Hospital to Home** - Nicola Welsh, Held in Our Hearts
 - **Pilotmark work with children and young people** - Jade Finlayson, St Columba's Hospice & Samantha Harrison, Richmond's Hope
 - **Workplace and the Bereavement Charter Mark** - Rebecca Patterson, Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief & Caroline Gibb, Community Development Lead
- 11:15 am **Workshop Strands**
- **Rights and policy: what does the future looks like for bereavement policy and legislation (palliative care, housing, assisted dying etc)** - Ellie Wagstaff, Marie Curie
 - **Workplace bereavement support and the Charter Mark** - Rebecca Patterson, Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief & Caroline Gibb, Community Development Lead
 - **Children and Young People – bereavement support today and tomorrow** – Jade Finlayson, St Columba's Hospice & Samantha Harrison, Richmond's Hope
- 12:15 pm **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm **Workshop Strands**
- **Spiritual care and bereavement in diverse settings** - Nicola Reed, Cruse Scotland & Bereavement Care, Scotland & Rev Erica Wishart, Chaplain, St Columba's Hospice Care & Graham Bell, Head of Prison Chaplains
 - **Bereavement and the role of the funeral director** - Awrddi Doyle, Funeral Director & Business Owner
 - **The world of AI and Bereavement** - Dr Donald Macaskill, Scottish Care & Debbie Kerslake, Director of Brum YODO
- 2:15 pm
- 2:30 pm **Signposting and the work of ALISS**
Cameron MacFarlane, The ALLIANCE
- 3:15 pm **Imagining and building tomorrow (a promenade activity)**
- Closing remarks on the Future of bereavement**
Dr Donald Macaskill
- 3:30 pm **End**

Please note: This is a free event however, anyone who has registered must advise if they are unable to attend the week prior to the event – failure to do so will result in a £25 charge to cover costs of catering etc.

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